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FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING WATER-
SOLUBLE OR WATER-SWELLABLE
POLYMERIZATES WITH A VERY
LOW RESIDUAL MONOMER CONTENT,
PRODUCTS PRODUCED ACCORDING
TO THIS METHOD AND THE USE
THEREOF

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Page 4, beginning at line 22, please delete the paragraph and replace it with the
following paragraph:

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Predominantly, possible monomers are acrylic acid, acrylamide, methacrylic acid, and
methacrylamide, which are polymerized to form homopolymers or mixed polymers, but also
other monomers such as acryl^onitrile, methacrylonitrile, N,N-dimethylacrylamide,
vinylpyrrolidone, vinylpyridine,, vinyl acetate, as well as other water-soluble polymerizable
acids and salts thereof, particularly maleic, fumaric, itaconic, vinylsulfonic, or
acrylamidomethylpropanesulfonic acid; also, hydroxy group-containing esters of